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PLURALITY OF PRE-DEFINED CODES INTO A
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

Disclosure

Without prejudice please amend the disclosure as below:

Page 3, lines 15 and 16, delete "of the possible bit combinations".

Page 4, lines 21 and 23, delete "possible".

Page 10, lines 22 and 23, delete "of the possible bit combinations".